

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 37.14

(c) *Disapproval and corrections.* An applicant determined not to meet applicable assessment requirements shall be provided by the Branch Chief with a written summary of observed program deficiencies. The applicant may appeal such a determination in accordance with the provisions of § 37.13 or implement required corrective action. After completion of the corrective action, the applicant may contact the Branch Chief to schedule another audit for assessment.

### § 37.11 Publication of program assessment status.

(a) The names of assessed certifying agencies shall be posted for public reference on the Livestock and Seed Program's website at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/>. Such postings shall include: certifier's name and contact information; referenced specification or standard(s) covered under the scope of assessment; effective date of assessment; and control number(s) of official certificate(s), as applicable.

(b) The names of assessed certifying agencies posted on the Livestock and Seed Program's website may be removed from the website upon suspension or termination of assessment for noncompliance with the regulations pursuant to § 37.13.

### § 37.12 Reassessment.

Approved certification programs shall be subject to periodic reassessment to ensure ongoing compliance with the regulations, including the requirements of ISO Guide 65. The frequency of such reassessment shall be based on the relative risk associated with the certification program's integrity, as determined by the Branch Chief.

### § 37.13 Suspension or denial of program assessment; appeals and termination.

(a) *Suspension or denial of assessment.* When a review of a certification program by auditors finds noncompliance with the regulations, including the requirements of ISO Guide 65, the Branch Chief may suspend or deny assessment until subsequent audits show the noncompliance has been corrected.

(b) *Appeals.* Appeals of adverse decisions by an auditor or the Branch Chief may be made in writing to the Livestock and Seed Program Deputy Administrator at Room 2092-South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0249.

(c) *Termination.* If noncompliance with the regulations remains uncorrected beyond a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the Livestock and Seed Program Deputy Administrator, an application may be rejected or program assessment terminated.

(1) *Procedure.* Actions under this subparagraph concerning rejection of an application or termination of assessment shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes set forth in §§ 1.130 through 1.151 of this title.

(2) [Reserved]

### § 37.14 Fees and other charges.

Fees and other charges equal as nearly as may be to the cost of the assessment services rendered under the regulations, including reassessments, shall be assessed and collected from applicants in accordance with the following provisions.

(a) *Fees for Service.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, fees-for-service shall be based on the time required to render the service provided calculated to the nearest 15-minute period, including auditor's travel, review and approval of quality manual, the conduct of the onsite audit, and time required to prepare reports and any other documents in connection with the performance of service. The base hourly rate for such service is \$42.20 per hour for 8 hours or less of work performed between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays. The premium hourly rate for all applicants is \$47.80 per hour charged to users of the service for the hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.; for the hours worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday through Friday; and for any time worked on Saturday and Sunday, except on legal holidays. The holiday rate for all applicants is \$79.60 charged to users of the